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Summer 2020 Newsletter

Town Hall Gets Generous Donation to Add Solar Panels to Town Hall

Thanks to a generous donation from Town residents Andy and Carol Phelps, the Town of Middleton has installed a 30,080 Watt (DC) solar photovoltaic electric system. It has been installed on a roof mounted racking system on the Town Hall. The solar panels are estimated to provide over 90% of the Town Hall's electricity. As much as possible, the components purchased were domestically sourced. The solar contractor worked with Focus on Energy to receive grant funding for the project as well, which further minimized the cost to the Town. The system has now been operational since June. A Big Thank You to Andy and Carol Phelps!

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New to the Town of Middleton?
Find the answers on our website
or call the Town Hall for a new
resident packet.

www.town.middleton.wi.us

Public Works & Town Services:

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Danny Aerts
Wayne Rounds Jr.

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Town Road Work

Over the Summer, the following roads were scheduled to have maintenance or repair performed by the Town.

Roads that have been pulverized and overlaid:

Ellington Way (Airport Rd. to Bergamot)
Meadowrue Circle
Bergamot
Indigo Circle

Roads in 2020 that are scheduled to be chip sealed:

Pamela Circle Road to (Swoboda Rd Almor Drive)	Sagebrush Trail (Toepfer Road to 7871 Sagebrush)
Betsy Lane (East and West of Swoboda)	Big Timber Trail (Toepfer Road to end)
Blue Cedar Drive (Saracen Way to end)	Swoboda Road (W. Old Sauk Road to end)
Cross Court (Caribou Road to end)	Toepfer Road (Airport Road to Westman Way)
Eaton Terrace (Felton Drive to end)	Vosen Road (Town Line to end)
Felton Drive (Saracen Way to Meadow Road)	Welcome Drive (Mineral Point Road (CTH S) to 3625 Welcome)
Hackberry Court (Stonewood Drive to end)	Welcome Drive (7699 Welcome Drive to Mineral Point Road (CTH S))
Harvest Glen Drive (Felton Drive to end)	White Cedar Drive (Baltic Drive to end)
Highwood Circle (Springton Drive to Springton Drive)	Wildlife Trail (Toepfer Road to Big Timber Trail)
Marco Polo Street (Heather Knoll Lane to end)	Ziegler Court (Stonewood Drive to end)
Springton Drive (Schneider Road to end)	Westhill Circle



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Updates, Information and Reminders

2020 Chipping Schedule

August 17 August 31 September 14 September 28
 October 12 November 2

In an effort to better serve our residents, the Town provides a brush chipping service that is performed according to the schedule above. Please note that chipping dates may change due to inclement weather or unforeseen events. Brush must be curbside by 7 AM on the start date of the cycle. Chipping is limited to 15 minutes per residence. A list of brush that is acceptable and NOT acceptable for pick-up is located on the Town website at town.middleton.wi.us. Chipped material from brush and small limbs is available for distribution to use as mulch. This is not commercial quality and may include other materials. Full load quantities, approximately six-cubic yards, are available. This is a pile approximately 7'x7'x3'. Please call the Town Hall to request delivery and specify the preferred unloading location as viewed from the road. A signed waiver is required for chips to be delivered on a resident's property. The waiver can be found on the Town website and emailed to: info@town.middleton.wi.us to request scheduling.

Deputy Sheriff Garrett Page advises residents to keep car doors locked to avoid the potential for theft or vandalism. Waves of robberies go through neighborhoods from time to time.

Peddlers in the Town

As often happens during the summer months, we see an increase in door-to-door sales people offering a variety of products and services for sale. In the Town of Middleton, all direct sellers are required to obtain a permit from the Town Hall. If you are approached at home by a direct seller, please ask them to show you their seller's permit they received from the Town. If they don't have one, you may inform them that one is required, and if desired, you may contact the Dane County non-emergency number at 608-255-2345 to report the incident.



Bulk Pick-up

Bulk Pick-up dates are scheduled for September 15-17, barring any unforeseen circumstances. For items that are acceptable for pick-up, check the Town website at www.town.middleton.wi.us. You can also call Advanced Disposal at 608-251-7878.

Did you know? During the June 2020 bulk pick-up, the Town picked up 117 tons of trash. Normally, 85-90 tons would be picked up during the Spring Pick-up. This increased the pick-up cost to a total of \$19,000 for the service. COVID-19 and the quarantine is largely attributed to this increase.

Sign up for Notifications

Would you like to receive email notifications regarding items such as Herbicide spraying, or upcoming Board and Commission meetings? Go to the Town website at town.middleton.wi.us and in the drop down menu, "I Want To...", you can choose the option to begin receiving emails.

Deputy Sheriff Jeremy White was recently promoted to Sergeant and has a new assignment in Dane County. Our Congratulations go out to him!

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IMPORTANT NUMBERS

- Dane County Sheriff Dispatch**
Non-emergency (608) 255-2345
- Street Light Outages**
(can be reported via email)
MG&E (608) 252-7333
Alliant Energy (800) 255-4268
- Advanced Disposal** (608) 251-7878
- Animal Control** (608) 267-1989
- Dane County Humane Society** (608) 838-0413
- Middleton Fire Department**
Non-emergency (608) 827-1090
- Middleton EMS**
Non-emergency (608) 827-1040
- Town Building Inspector**
Tracy Johnson 608-444-0372
- Town Assessor**
Paul Musser (608) 712-0236
- Well Water Testing - Public Health**
Private Wells & Septic Systems (608) 242-6515



Town Hall:
7555 W Old Sauk Rd,
Verona, WI 53593

Office Hours:
Monday through Thursday
8:00 am to 4:00 pm
Friday 8:00 am to 12:00 pm

Town Phone: (608) 833-5887

Attention HOA Presidents:

Please send the Town the current contact information for the president of your Homeowner's Association. Please email: info@town.middleton.wi.us.

Any future updates, as well, should be emailed to the Town so your HOA remains informed about events that may effect them. Thank you!

Town governing works best when the community is involved. Check out the Town website at www.town.middleton.wi.us to see when the Board or other Committees are meeting. The public is welcome at all of these meetings.

Notable Dates

Date	Activity	Time	Location
9/7/20	Labor Day	All Day	Town Hall Closed
9/15/-9/17*	Bulk Pick up		
11/3/20	General and Presidential Election	7 AM to 8 PM	Town Hall

*Dates dependent upon COVID-19 restrictions being lifted.

Park and Trail Updates

The Town is performing extra maintenance and repair to many Town trails. Since the COVID-19 pandemic, these trails have been utilized with increased frequency. We are striving to keep up with the increased demand so our trails can continue to be a source of enjoyment for our residents.

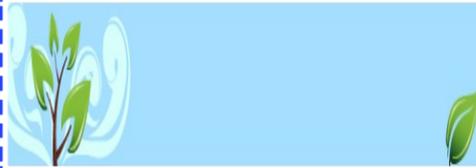
Town parks have also received increased usage and attention during this pandemic. Plans are in the works to upgrade some of the park's playgrounds. As details emerge, we will post on our website.

Reminders for parks and trails:

- No dogs allowed, unless posted
- Please keep dogs on a leash where dogs are allowed
- No bikes on trails unless marked
- No motorized vehicles on trails or in parks
- Drones are not allowed to be launched at Town parks

Please help us to keep our trails and parks clean and maintained, so we may have years of enjoyment.

The Town recently updated the CORP (Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan). They are available on the Town website at town.middleton.wi.us. These proposals detail the Town's plans for our Park and recreational areas.



Election Information

The next election is the General and Presidential Election on Tuesday, November 3, 2020. Town of Middleton residents vote at the Town Hall at the corner of Pioneer Road and W. Old Sauk Road. Poll hours are from 7 AM to 8 PM.

Need to register to vote or need an absentee ballot? At MyVote Wisconsin website (myvote.wi.gov) you can register to vote, check your voter registration status, find your polling place, see what's on your ballot, request an absentee ballot and check provisional ballot status. Additional information on elections and voting may also be found on the Town of Middleton (town.middleton.wi.us/elections) or the Wisconsin Elections Commission (elections.wi.gov) websites.

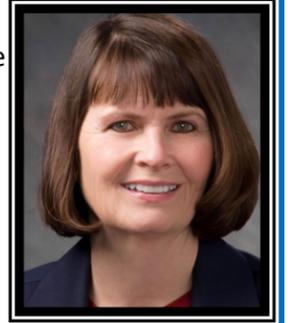
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COVID-19 Public Health Emergency, Morey Airport Update and more

These are unprecedented times. Unfortunately, there is not yet a safe and effective vaccine for the novel coronavirus ("COVID-19") that has caused 843 deaths in Wisconsin as of July 18, 2020, with 33 of those occurring in Dane County. We are listening to local public health experts and staying informed so we can follow recommended public health guidelines for the safety and well-being of our local community. Current Wisconsin and Dane County COVID-19 information can be found respectively here:

<https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/> and <https://publichealthmdc.com/coronavirus>



With respect to the in progress City of Middleton planning for a significant expansion of the City of Middleton Municipal Airport – Morey Field (a/k/a "Morey Airport"), subject to City of Middleton Common Council final approval, the City of Middleton ("City") recently advised they are working on an August 2020 (date TBD) Airport Master Plan Advisory Committee ("Committee") Meeting. This Committee has not met since July 18, 2019. Any significant expansion of Morey Airport by the City of Middleton would require the taking by Eminent Domain/Condemnation of property in the towns of Middleton and Springfield. We will continue to provide citizens with new information on the Town website and via the Town ListServe (please sign up if you have not already done so). Citizen attendance and input at Morey Airport related meetings (now via zoom.com and telephone due to COVID-19) is important as a significant expansion of Morey Airport will adversely impact our invaluable quality of life and property values.

The Town Boards of the Town of Middleton and the Town of Springfield met in a Joint session on July 8, 2020 to work cooperatively to protect town landowner interests from unwelcomed Eminent Domain/Condemnation by the City of Middleton to expand the Airport geographic footprint and invite large, commercial airplanes on a year-round basis to Morey Airport. Such an expansion would be incompatible with existing land uses in the area and would unnecessarily put the safety, health and welfare of citizens at greater risk. In addition, the Mayor has advised that the recent POLCO Survey #1 established that present users of Morey Airport are satisfied with the current 4,000 ft. runway length to the west.

Both towns continue to strive for the collective benefit of the community for a cooperative agreement with the City of Middleton. Unfortunately, to date such town efforts have not seen much positive progress with the City, but we remain optimistic.

Prior to the Joint Town Board Meeting, our good neighbor to the north, the Town of Springfield, and its Town Board sent a letter on February 19, 2020 to the City of Middleton to express their reservations about an apparently speculative need for a significant expansion of Morey Airport. The Town Board of Springfield advised that there are widespread and serious concerns from its residents about the impact of such an expansion on the Town of Springfield, and that such commercial operations would be more appropriately located at nearby Dane County Regional Airport, which has plenty of room for expansion.

We are working diligently to maintain our community as a high-quality, natural environment that is a great place to live, raise a family, and educate children. We value and appreciate citizen input on this, and other important issues impacting the community.

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Rich Beyond Measure

In the Town of Middleton we have parks, trails, and open space that provide us with the ability to look up, fill our lungs with the freshness of air, and welcome the abundant space around us. We are fortunate in the Town to have this small oasis of respite while being close to good schools, good health care facilities, and many other modern conveniences.



When people need to “get away” few would choose a commercial parking lot as a designated place to reflect. Rather, we typically prefer to spend time reflecting in natural and open surroundings or while walking in a park or on a trail. Observing the wind through the trees around us is strangely relaxing. We marvel at the interaction of nature, the birds, butterflies, the flowers, the prairie fields. There is a certain tranquility we derive from all this. And it is this that we enjoy and prize in our semi-rural community.

With all the challenges of our day, we know we live in a special area. And we want to keep this a special place.

From an administrative perspective, the Town staff believes one of our core missions is to work below the perceptible threshold to support the Town Board and Town residents. We want to support our residents so they never have to wrestle with the frustration of administrative indifference or inaction. We want our efforts to support the lives our residents are creating for themselves and do so in a manner that is not quite observable.

We want you to always go to a Town park that is properly mowed. We want you to walk the Town trails that are well maintained. When you work on your property and trim a few branches, we want to effortlessly pick those up and take those away for you. We want to take care of our roads so they never become a point of concern. We strive to do these things that might make life better for those living in the Town of Middleton.

Take time to walk in the spaces around town and observe. We live in a great area. We’re glad to be here. We’re glad you’re here. We are rich beyond measure.



Town Ordinances and Permitting

Town of Middleton Ordinances have been updated and are now on the Town website at www.town.middleton.wi.us.

There are also updates to our permitting process. All new building, driveway and excavation forms are posted on the website. For building inspection information, please contact Tracy Johnson at Johnson Inspections at 608-444-0372.

What Else can you Find on the Town’s Website?

- ◆ Garbage and recycling calendar
- ◆ Updates on Morey Airport expansion
- ◆ The most current Town news and updates
- ◆ The meeting schedule for the Board and Commissions
- ◆ A list of FAQs

Welcome Sarah!



A long-time resident of the Town of Middleton, Sarah Danes began work for the Town as Office Manager and Deputy Clerk in March. Prior to this position, she spent over a decade in International Marketing and Customer Service roles. Most recently, she has been at home with her daughter and volunteering in the schools and community. Sarah is very excited to serve the town she loves.

In her free time, Sarah enjoys spending time with her family outdoors hiking, biking, skiing, ice skating and playing with their dog, Piper. She resides in the Town of Middleton with her husband and their daughter Alaina, 12.

The Town’s New Deputy Sheriff



Deputy Brandi Anderson is the new second shift Deputy for the Town. She grew up in McFarland, WI and graduated from McFarland High School in 2009. Brandi attended Madison College and graduated in 2013 with an associate degree in Criminal Justice. She has been with the Dane County Sheriff’s Office for seven years. Prior to this assignment, Deputy Anderson was assistant to Field Services out of the West Precinct. She is a member of the Special Events Team, which works events such as Freakfest or Mifflin Street Block Party. She is also heavily involved in many volunteer activities such as Shop with a Cop, CampHero, and Special Olympics. She currently lives in the Sauk Prairie area with her 90-pound rescue dog. She enjoys hiking and photography. Deputy Anderson believes in having strong bonds with the community.

Meet The Crew....



Scott Ballweg (right) went to Middleton High School and has lived in this area all his life. He is married to Laura Ballweg and they have three kids, Samantha, Austin and Tanner. Scott loves working outside. In his spare time he enjoys coaching basketball, watching basketball and football.

Matt Bouche (left) has been with the Town for about a year now. He formerly had 16 years in the landscaping business with a background in management. Matt grew up just northwest of the Town, attending Sauk Prairie High School and graduating from UW Stevens Point with a degree in psychology. Matt enjoys spending time with his wife and growing family, fishing, and spending time at his family farm.



Jerry Wagner (right) has worked for the Town for the past 18 years. He grew up in and continues to reside in the Middleton area. Prior to coming to work for the Town, Jerry was a dairy farmer. In his spare time, he enjoys spending time with his wife, Jeanne and their 7 children.

Joey Clary (left) has been with the Town for about a year. He grew up in Bear Valley and worked on his grandfather’s farm most of his life. He went to Southwest Technical College for welding and was also an arborist for two years. Joey loves the outdoors and currently lives in Sauk City.

